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**150th ANNIVERSARY**

OF THE

**FOUNDING**

OF THE

**CITY OF ALLENTOWN**

**PENNSYLVANIA**

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**1912**

**THE LEHIGH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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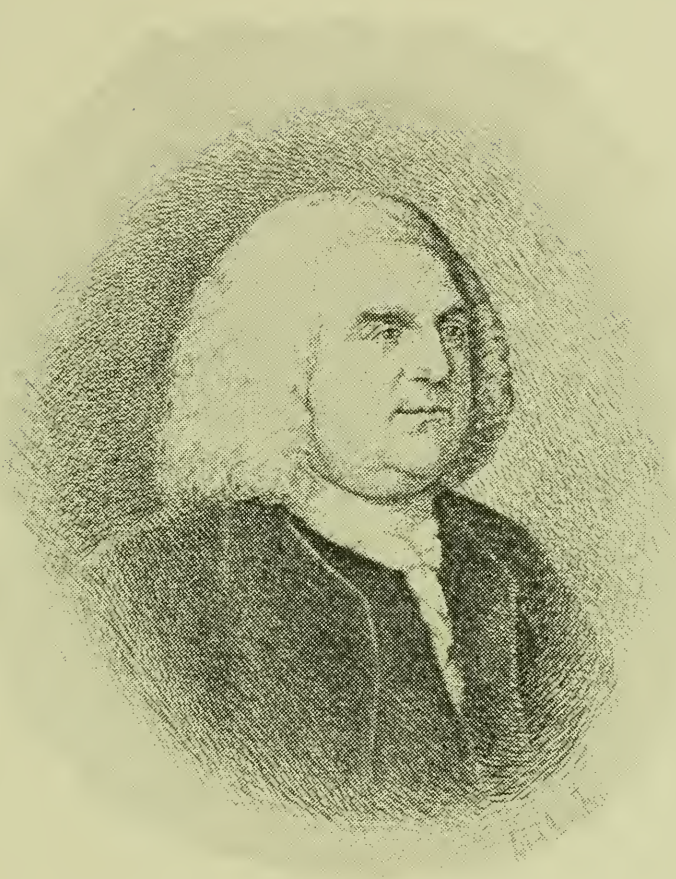
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WILLIAM ALLEN, THE FOUNDER OF ALLENTOWN, WAS BORN IN PHILADELPHIA, AUGUST 5, 1704, THE SON OF WILLIAM ALLEN, MERCHANT, AND HIS WIFE, MARY BUDD. A DISTINGUISHED BARRISTER, AND A SUCCESSFUL MERCHANT, HE WAS ELECTED MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA IN 1735. HE WAS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE PROVINCE OF PENNSYLVANIA FROM 1750 TO 1774. HE DIED AT MT. AIRY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1780

IN 1762 THE TOWN OF ALLENTOWN, FROM FOURTH TO TENTH STREETS AND LIBERTY TO UNION STREETS, WAS LAID OUT UNDER HIS DIRECTION, ON A TRACT OF 3,338 ACRES, ALL OF WHICH HE DEEDED TO HIS SON, JAMES, ON JANUARY 5, 1767

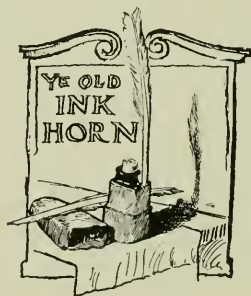






Wm. Allen

JAMES ALLEN, THIRD SON OF WILLIAM ALLEN, WAS BORN IN 1742. HE GRADUATED FROM THE COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA IN 1759 AND STUDIED LAW AT THE TEMPLE IN LONDON. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSEMBLY IN 1776. HE DIED AT PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 19, 1778

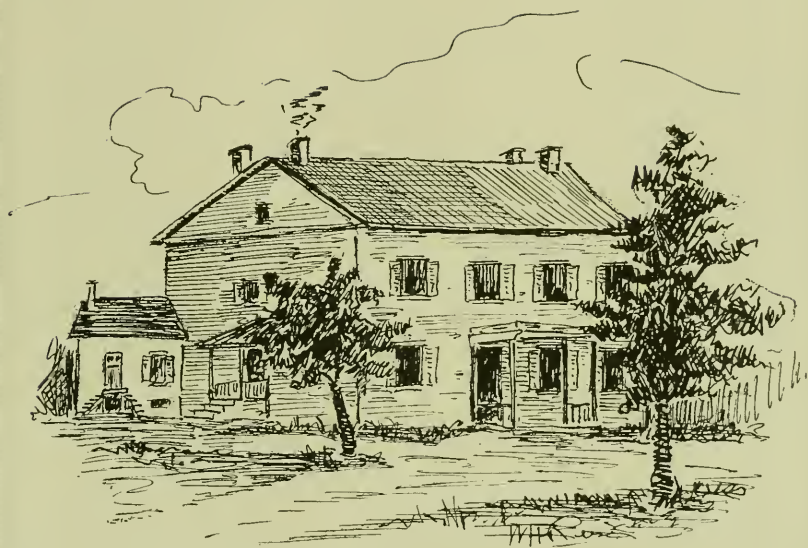




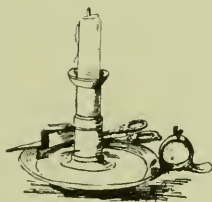
TROUT HALL WAS BUILT BY JAMES ALLEN IN 1770. IN HIS DIARY, UNDER DATE OF NOVEMBER 6, 1770, HE WROTE, "TWO DAYS AGO I RETURNED FROM TROUT HALL (A NAME I HAVE JUST GIVEN MY HOUSE)," AND ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1771, "THIS DAY I SET OFF FOR TROUT HALL WITH MY WIFE AND CHILD AND MRS. LAWRENCE; THEY HAVE NOT BEEN THERE SINCE I FINISHED MY HOUSE"

IT IS ABOUT FORTY-FIVE FEET SQUARE AND HAS MARBLE MANTELS AND BLACK WALNUT WAINSCOTING IN SEVERAL ROOMS. A STONE WALL EXTENDED ALONG WALNUT STREET FROM FIFTH TO JORDAN STREET. IN LATER YEARS AS THE RESIDENCE OF WALTER C. LIVINGSTON IT WAS KNOWN AS THE LIVINGSTON MANSION





TROUT HALL





ANNE PENN ALLEN, ELDEST  
DAUGHTER OF JAMES ALLEN,  
WAS BORN IN PHILADELPHIA, FEB-  
RUARY 19, 1769. SHE HAS BEEN DE-  
SCRIBED AS ONE OF THE MOST  
SPLENDID BEAUTIES THIS COUNTRY  
HAS PRODUCED—A BRUNETTE WITH  
A WARM, HIGH COLOR AND AUBURN  
HAIR. GILBERT STUART PAINTED  
THREE PORTRAITS OF HER, WHICH  
THACKERAY EXCEEDINGLY AD-  
MIRER. SHE MARRIED JAMES  
GREENLEAF IN 1800, AND DIED AT  
ALLENTOWN, SEPTEMBER 21, 1851





ANNE PENN ALLEN

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[Fac-simile of letter written by Anne Penn Allen]

Sir

I feel myself very much obliged by your two friendly letters which I certainly should have answered sooner had there been any interesting intelligence to have given you respecting the Petitions I am however very happy to inform you that many circumstances are much in favor of them & that our friends here think we have great reason to be sanguine. your letter contained much advice which will be useful I gave them both to a Member of the Assembly who has a high opinion of your judgment & thinks great advantage may be derived from them we have many friends here who interest themselves warmly in our behalf

as who think we shall be successful in carrying  
our point

It was, now I think should occur  
to you on the subject I shall be very much  
obliged to you if you would let me hear from  
you as I find your opinions are of great  
weight with many of the Members of the  
Assembly,

I beg you to believe me Sir  
your friends & hearty well-wishers  
Anne P. Allen

Philadelphia February 7<sup>th</sup> 1793

Peter Rhoads Esquire

Northampton County

Allen Town



THE RHOADS HOUSE  
Built by Peter Rhoads, Revolutionary Patriot and Judge, in 1762

*Peter Rhoads*







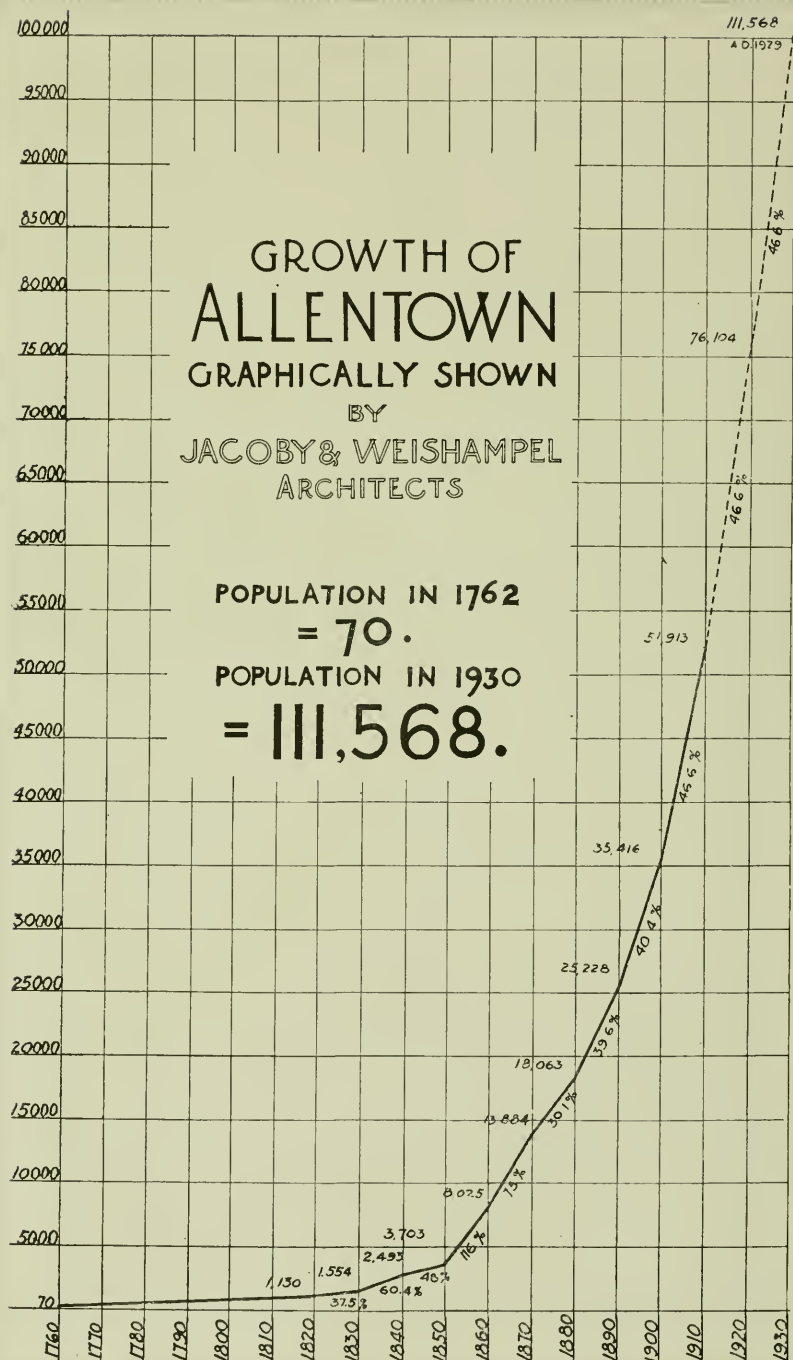
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ALLENTOWN IN 1830



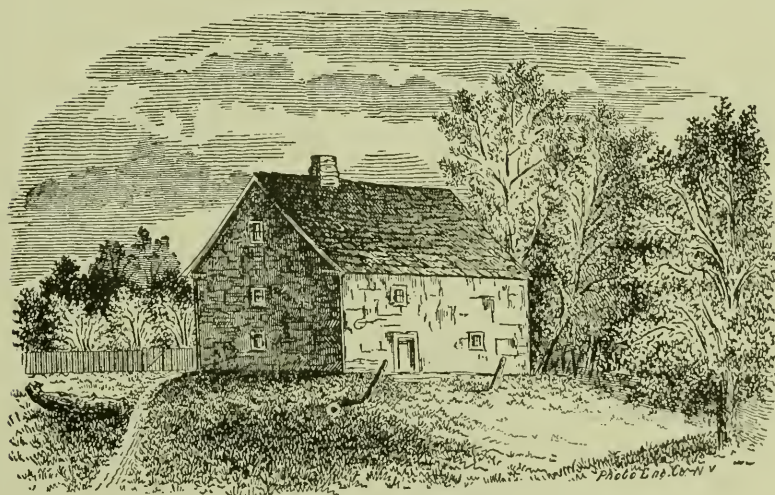
ALLENTOWN IN 1912







HOUSE AT CATASAUQUA, BUILT IN 1768  
by George Taylor, Signer of the Declaration of Independence



FORT DESHLER, NEAR EGYPT, PA., BUILT IN 1760  
by Adam Deshler



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William Allen's Chair



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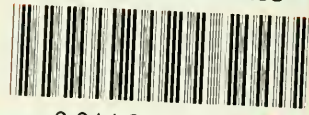


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